REPORT

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COMMUNICATION.

To the Members of the Board of Police of the Philadelphia Police District:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith transmit, for your information, in accordance with a resolution passed by your Board, July 1st, 1851, a report of the operations of the police force under my control, from the date of its organization, November 21st, 1850, to July 1st, 1851.

The consolidated police of the City of Philadelphia, established by the act of the 3d May, 1850, embraced, besides the City proper, the incorporated Districts of Southwark, Moyamensing, Spring Garden, Penn, N. Liberties, Kensington and Richmond—the City being divided into four sub-districts or divisions, and each of the incorporated districts constituting a sub-district or division.

By an act of the last legislature, West Philadelphia was added to the police district, making the whole number of divisions twelve. By the law, creating the new police, each division is entitled to one lieutenant, and the number of policemen was fixed by your Honorable body, in accordance with the law, at one for every four hundred taxables.

This ratio, according to the last septennial assessment, gave to the city and several districts, the following apportionment, viz:—

City, - - - . - -	55
Spring Garden, - - - -	26
Kensington, - - - - -	24
Northern Liberties, - - - -	21
Southwark, - - - - -	18
Penn, - - - - - -	4
Moyamensing, - - - -	12
Richmond, - - - - -	4
West Philadelphia, - - -	3
Total, - -	167
Lieutenants, - - - - -	12

Effective Force of the establishment, 179 officers.

How well the new system has thus far accomplished the object of its creation, I submit to you, its legal guardians, and a candid public to decide.

For the future, I can only renew the pledge given when I took the oath of the office—which, by the suffrages of my fellow-citizens, I have the honor to fill—to perform its duties honestly, and to the best of my ability.

In conclusion, permit me to add, that all my exertions shall hereafter be devoted to the work of rendering the system, which is the pride of my heart, still more efficient and perfect. Respectfully,

JNO. S. KEYSER,
Marshal of Police.

REPORT.

STATEMENT of the number of arrests made by the Police Force under JNO. S. KEYSER, *Marshal of Police*, since its organization; designating the nature of the several offences with which the prisoners were respectively charged, viz:—

Abandonment,	12
Abduction,	4
Absconding Apprentices,	8
Abuse,	29
Abusing Families,	17
do. Horse,	1
do. Parents,	5
Adultery,	6
Arson,	11
do. Suspicion of,	9
Assault and Battery,	636
do. do. with attempt to commit Rape,	4
do. do. with intent to Kill,	32
do. do. on Officers,	51
Assaulting Wives,	21
Attempting to pass Counterfeit Money,	10
Bigamy,	3
Breaches of Ordinances,	58
do. of the Peace,	3622

Burglary,	9
do. Suspicion of,	12
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons,	33
Conspiracy,	10
Counterfeiting,	4
Deserters from Army and Navy,	6
Disobedience to Parents,	3
Disturbing Public Worship,	10
Escape,	1
False Arrest,	2
False Pretences,	15
Fast Driving,	53
Fighting in the Streets,	135
Forgery,	3
Fornication,	5
do. and Bastardy,	11
Fraud,	8
Fraudulent Voting,	3
Fugitives from Justice,	26
Gambling,	91
Highway Robbery,	6
Horse Stealing,	9
Inciting to Riot,	151
Indecent Assault,	4
do. Exposure of Person,	14
Infanticide,	2
do. Suspicion of,	1
Insulting Females,	30
Interfering with Officers,	80
Intoxication,	625

Involuntary Manslaughter,	1
Keeping Disorderly Houses,	36
Keeping Vicious Dog,	1
Kidnapping,	2
Larceny,	295
do. Suspicion of,	69
Lunacy,	22
Malicious Mischief,	51
Mal-Practice,	1
Mania-a-potu,	2
Mayhem,	3
Misdemeanor	115
Minors running with Fire Companies,	34
Murder,	2
do. Suspicion of,	13*
Passing Counterfeit Money,	33
Perjury,	4
Picking Pockets,	12
Rape,	3
Receiving Stolen Goods,	21
Rescuing Prisoners,	13
Riot,	255
Robbery,	20
do. Suspicion of,	7
Seduction,	8
Selling liquor by less measure than a quart,	9
do. do. to Minors,	8

* One of these arrests was for the Cosden massacre, Maryland; and most of the others for the horrid tragedy in Roxborough, Philadelphia County, May 2d, 1851.

Suspicious Persons,	38
Stabbing,	6
Threatening Arson,	5
do. Assault,	45
do. to Kill,	27
Vagrancy,	73
Vending Lottery Policies,	6
Total,	7,131

FIRES.

The following are the number and location of the fires which have occurred in the City and County of Philadelphia, during the period embraced by this report, viz:

City,	103
Northern Liberties,	16
Spring Garden,	24
Kensington,	14
Southwark,	37
Moyamensing,	31
Penn,	6
Richmond,	4
West Philadelphia,	8
Rural Districts,	40
Total,	283
False alarms of fire,	253
Estimated total loss by the above fires,	$508,721
" Insurance,	305,232
" Clear loss,	203,489
Fires extinguished by officers without alarm,	37
Lives lost at fires,	5
Animals burned,	136, viz.
Horses,	51
Neat Cattle,	61
Mules,	4
Other animals,	20

ROBBERIES.

Number of Robberies reported at the office of the Marshal of Police, - - - - - - -		305
Value of the property stolen, - -		$28,533, viz.
Cash, - - - - - -	$12,842	
Goods and Chattels, - -	15,691	
Stolen Property Recovered—		
Cash, - - - - - -	$4,446	
Goods, - - - - - -	8,569	
Total, - - -	$13,015	
Amount of Counterfeit Money Recovered,		$5,373

MISCELLANEOUS.

Petty offenders discharged by the Marshal and Lieutenants,		755
Lodgers in Station Houses,		502
Arrests under the Ashburton Treaty,		3
Destitute Persons sent to the Almshouse,		16
Injured Persons sent to the Hospitals,		6
Suicide Cases " " "		5
Escaped inmates of House of Refuge re-taken,		3
Intoxicated Minor sent to House of Refuge,		1
Lewd Girls, " " "		2
Beggar " " " "		4
Abandoned Females restored to friends,		2
Abducted Girls restored to parents,		5
Number of Deaths in Station Houses,		9
" persons rescued at Fires,		3
" " " from Drowning,		7
Lost Children found and restored,		73
Injured and Sick persons relieved,		104
Stray Animals taken up,		70, viz.
Horses,	53	
Horned Cattle,	10	
Other animals,	7	
Lost Vehicles recovered,		34
Stolen Horses recovered and restored,		9
" Dogs " "		5

Buildings found open, - - - - -		51, viz.
Stores, - - - - - -	29	
Dwellings, - - - - - -	13	
Offices, - - - - - -	6	
Manufactories, - - - - -	3	
Number of officers dismissed, - - - -		29
" " resigned, - - - - -		19
Vacancies 1st of July, - - - - - -		2